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SUBJECT: UN FINANCING OF UNEF: YAR-CUBAN AMENDMENT

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1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT SPOKE TO EGYPTIAN PERM REP MEGUID MORNING NOVEMBER 20 TO STRESS US OPPOSITION TO YAR-CUBAN AMENDMENT UNEF FINANCING RESOLUTION AND TO MAKE POINTS OF PARAGRAPH TWO REFTEL. WHEN BENNETT REACHED 2(C) AND MADE STATEMENT "U.S. WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER VERY SERIOUSLY WHETHER IT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO UNEF..." MEGUID BROKE IN TO SAY US WAS BRINGING PRESSURE BY PUTTING MATTER ON A TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT-BASIS. BENNETT MADE CLEAR HE WOULD CONSIDER THAT DESCRIPTION TO BE AN EXAGGERATION AND SAID THAT, IN VIEW
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OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WE HAD HAD WITH MISINTERPRETATIONS

OF POSITIONS TAKEN BY USG (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL MEGUID HAS A BAD RECORD OF MISQUOTING US FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES), HE WOULD READ TO MEGUID DIRECTLY FROM DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION. THIS LED TO BENNETT'S READING 2(C) FOUR REPEAT FOUR TIMES DURING CONVERSATION, WITH MEGUID REPEATING AT LEAST TWICE THAT U.S. WAS PUTTING MATTER ON A TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT-BASIS.

2. BENNETT SUGGESTED, AND MEGUID DID NOT DEMUR, THAT WE WERE ALL ENGAGED IN A MOST COMPLEX AND DELICATE EFFORT TO SETTLE ENORMOUSLY COMPLICATED MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. HE SAID, AND MEGUID AGREED, THAT HE BELIEVED EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INTEREST IN SUCCESS OF UNEF JUST AS US DOES. YAR-CUBAN AMENDMENT WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE IN KEEPING WITH SPIRIT OF RECENT TALKS IN CAIRO. BUDGET COMMITTEE WAS NOT PLACE TO MAKE A POLITICAL JUDGMENT WHICH SECURITY COUNCIL HAD NEVER MADE.

3. MEGUID ARGUED WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT DISTINCTION HAS TO BE MADE BETWEEN THOSE WHO WERE MILITARY AGGRESSORS AND OCCUPIERS OF ALIEN TERRITORY AND THOSE WHO WERE THE VICTIMS. SC HAD NOT PASSED ON THIS POINT, BUT THERE WAS NO REASON WHY BUDGET COMMITTEE AND GA SHOULD NOT DO SO. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, MEGUID SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO CAIRO U.S. VIEWS -- BENNETT REQUESTED HIM TO REPORT EXACT LANGUAGE IN WHICH OUR VIEWS HAD BEEN PUT AND AGAIN READ HIM 2(C). MEGUID REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE WOULD REPORT U.S. VIEWS TO CAIRO, WHENCE HE SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT YAR-CUBAN AMENDMENT HAD COME, BUT HE SAID IT MIGHT, OF COURSE, TAKE TIME TO GET A RESPONSE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. BENNETT SUGGESTED THAT IN THAT EVENT THE NORMAL PRACTICE FOR GOVERNMENTS PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN AN ITEM AND LACKING INSTRUCTIONS WAS TO SEEK TO DELAY MATTER IN COMING TO VOTE UNTIL THEY HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. MEGUID AGAIN PROMISED TO REPORT CONVERSATION AND U.S. VIEWS TO CAIRO.
BENNETT

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